

Shaftesbury Society and the Ministry of Health also makes it a grant. It is evidently a matter of the greatest satisfaction to Miss Wright, who escorted us over the Home, that those Societies will take over full responsibility for the Home, when she and her colleague are no longer able to carry on. Miss Ellen B. Kingsford, F.B.C.N., has now given up resident work but she is still Hon. Secretary, and as such takes a very active part in its administration and development. Since the property at Fallow Corner was acquired the buildings have been very greatly extended. Garages, once let to increase the income of the Home, have now given place to laundries and nurseries, while other structural additions and improvements have been made. Commodious playroom shelters look out on the beautiful old lawn and its shady trees, and the large army hut, presented by a friend of the founders, besides serving other purposes, provides a splendid entertainment hall for money-making efforts. About a thousand little children have been cared for since 1898. Some have homes and little ones of their own now, many are holding honourable positions in the community and we were told delightful little stories of their successes. Several have become nurses, and one of

these holds the gold medal of her training school, while another has joined a Sisterhood. One of the boys is a prosperous dealer in antiques and has made not a few interesting and lucrative discoveries of beautiful things lost under ignorance, forgetfulness and neglect. At the present time 102 children are in residence; they are taken in at any age from a fortnight old. The boys leave the Home at five years of age, to be transferred to schools, while the girls stay on and are trained, if they do so wish, in various departments of household work; numbers of them join the staff of the Home. Nearly all the children are illegitimate; all are homeless when they come.

In 1926, H.R.H. the Princess Mary visited the Home and opened an extension and still the work continues to grow and prosper. We congratulate the founders on their great achievement ("realisation" they call it)—an achievement that reaches out into the future of humanity and of which the home and its merry community of childhood is merely the seed.

We have to thank *Kai Tiaki* for publishing an extract from this Journal giving applicants in the Dominions information as to the procedure to be adopted if they wish to apply for Fellowship or Membership of the British College of Nurses, namely, that a nurse should use the special form for Registered Nurses in the Dominions where reciprocal systems of State Registration are in force, that she should get the Registrar to testify that she is on the Register of the State or Dominion concerned and quote the entry in the published Register concerning her.

STATE LAW FOR NURSES IN SPAIN.

So far Nursing in Spain has been unorganised, but a law governing the nursing profession in Spain has been this year enacted by Royal decree, and states:

(1). That the title "nurse" shall in future be uniformly applied, whether the holder serve in a civil, military or Red Cross hospital, clinic or dispensary, whether she work officially or privately, be religious or lay.

(2). To this end, a ministerial commission, composed of representatives of the Departments of the Interior, of War and of Education, shall draw up within fifteen days of the publication of this decree and submit to the President of the Council, a project for a uniform programme of study for the training of a nurse in all types of institutions whether State or private, or under the jurisdiction of religious orders (1).

(3). That once the programme has been approved, each of the representatives of the above-mentioned ministries shall within fifteen more days, draw up a syllabus of the theoretical and practical work necessary for the obtaining of the title of nurse, and that the Minister of Education shall co-ordinate

these in a single text which shall constitute the official regulations governing nursing examinations.

(4). That the examining board for this diploma shall be composed of a military doctor, a representative of the Ministry of Hygiene and a representative of the Faculty of Medicine, under the chairmanship of the latter, and that their majority vote shall rule.

(5). The candidates passing the theoretical and practical tests shall receive their diplomas from the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University where the examinations have been held.

THE HUMAN INTEREST.

Miss M. K. Nelson, Superintendent of the American Hospital at Constantinople, speaking at the I.C.N. Conference at Geneva, said:—

"A group of nurses were talking together when one said: 'Here is a question I would like to ask, I want to know why I never liked New York City until I did Henry Street Nursing work there.' 'Oh, I can tell you,' one of the others answered promptly, 'I know because the same reason makes me love the little factory town where my work is. Not one of you could like this little town at all unless you could get into the homes and know the people as I do.'

"This human interest can completely change one's view. As a result of the exercise of observation, human interest does not stop but goes further and seeks a means of expression. Such action comes through mental effort which will be based on scientific reasoning however simple it may appear to be."



A GROUP OF BONNY CHILDREN AT THE WRIGHT-KINGSFORD HOME.

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